



COURAGEOUSLY

Living the Gospel

**Three Priorities:
Proclaim • Invite
Encounter (PIE)**

**Invite: Welcome and
accompany others as
Jesus did.**

www.dosp.org/courageouslyliving

Welcoming

You With Open Arms

www.WelcomeOneAnother.org



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The background features a stylized, muted illustration of a church interior. At the top center is a crucifix with a figure on it. On either side of the crucifix are tall, arched windows with multiple rectangular panes. The overall color palette is soft and earthy, with shades of beige, cream, and light brown.

WELCOMING
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Email to Bishop Gregory Parkes

We were looking for a parish... After Mass we had the warmest welcome from the priest outside the Church. He **opened his arms** hugged us and said WELCOME. He asked us if we were vacationers or recent transplants from another state. He was personally interested in us. WE KNEW FROM THAT MOMENT THAT WE WANTED TO BE PART OF THIS PARISH. ***HE made us feel so comfortable and wanted.*** Our daughter & son-in-law have also become parishioners of this parish.



Intentional Hospitality: A Mindset of Inclusion & Outreach

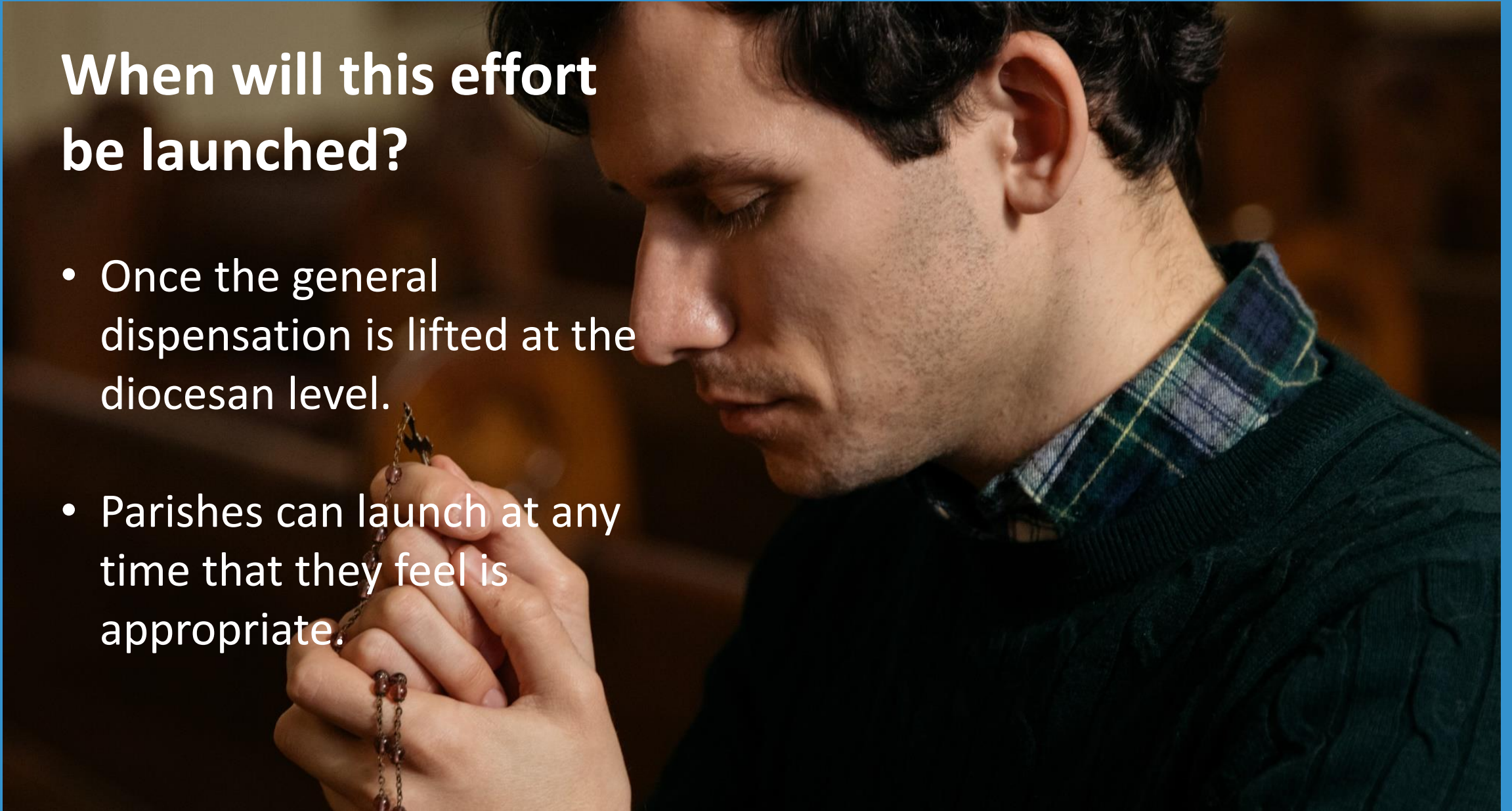
“Welcome one another, then,
as Christ welcomed you,
for the glory of God.” -Romans 15:7

How does Christ welcome us?
From the cross, he welcomes us
with open arms.



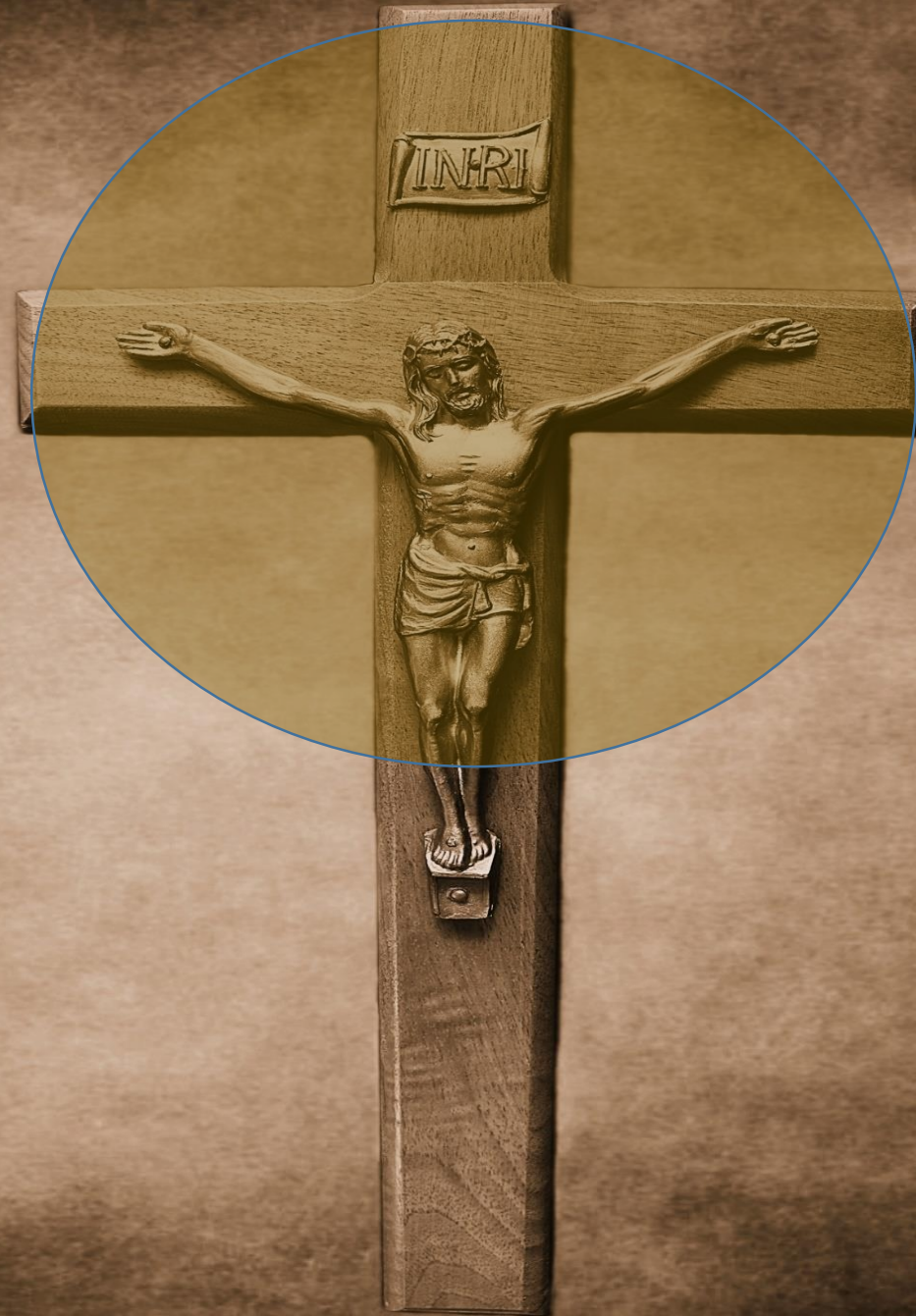
When will this effort be launched?

- Once the general dispensation is lifted at the diocesan level.
- Parishes can launch at any time that they feel is appropriate.



How does your parish
participate?

Get Ready
Get Going
Get Better



Welcoming Prayer

*Jesus, you are the Bread of Life, the everlasting
source of life, goodness and love.*

Instill in us the courage to share your Good News.

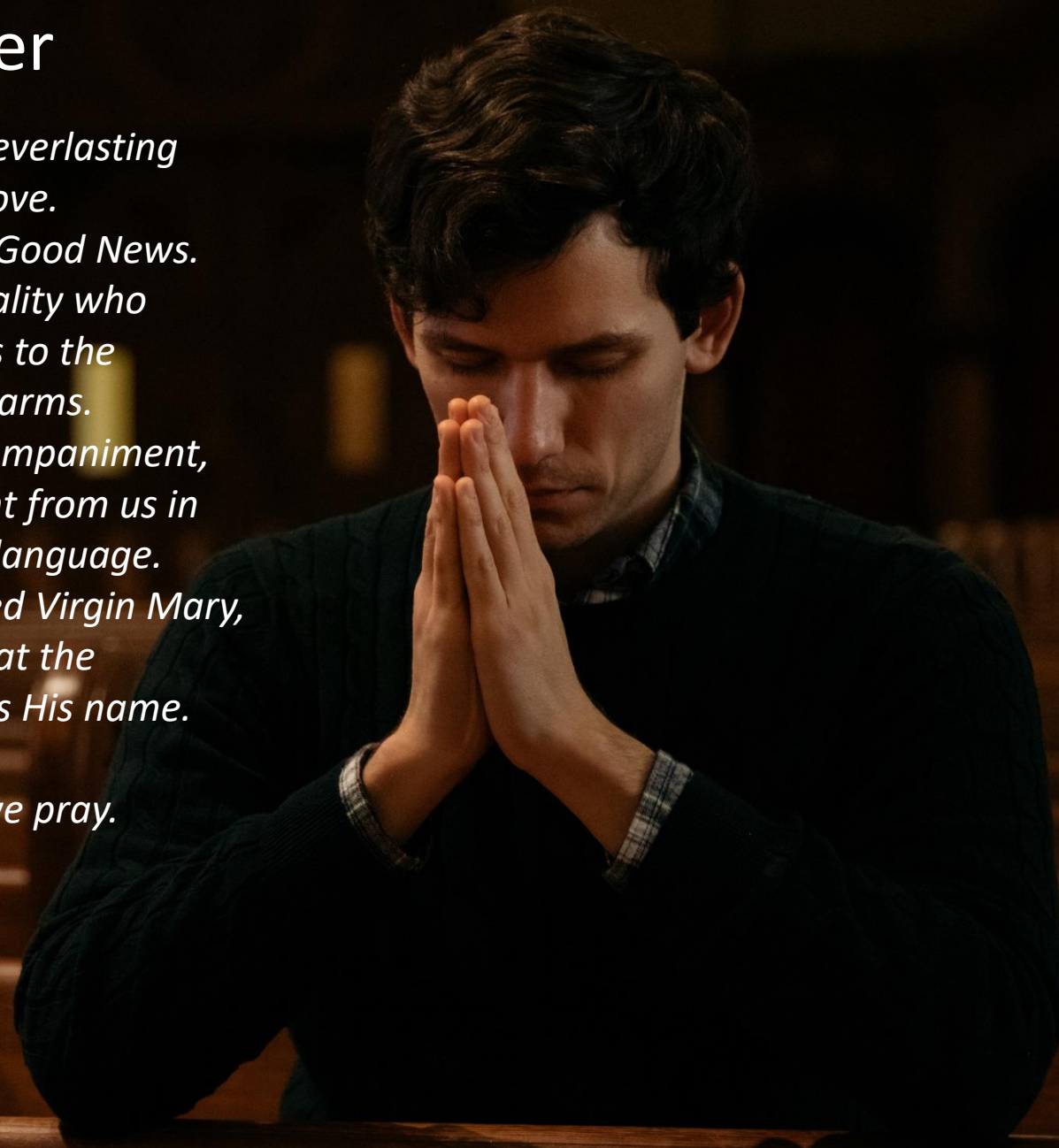
*Form us as your disciples of hospitality who
welcome our brothers and sisters to the
celebration of Mass with open arms.*

*Help us to follow your example of accompaniment,
especially with those who are different from us in
appearance, attitudes, culture and language.*

*Keep us humble servants, like the Blessed Virgin Mary,
so that we too may proclaim that the
Lord has done great things and holy is His name.*

In your holy and blessed name, we pray.

Amen.



Review Materials

WelcomingYou.org


WelcomeOneAnother.org

Parish Toolkit



Listen
Respond
Expand





What will happen at the Diocesan level?

- Assistance
- Information
- Advertising



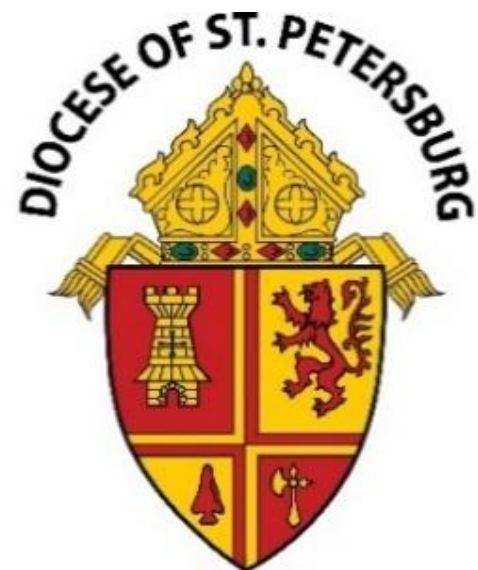


A man in clerical attire, including a black cassock, a white clerical collar, and a large silver cross necklace, stands with his arms outstretched in a welcoming gesture. He is wearing glasses and has a friendly expression. The background is a plain, light-colored wall with a door visible on the left side.

WELCOMING

YOU WITH OPEN ARMS

let your *faith* be bigger
than your fear



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